

Resolution Number 13

Whereas, the Board of Alderman is a public governmental body; and

Whereas, each public governmental body is to appoint a custodian who is to be responsible for the maintenance of that body's records; and

Whereas, each public governmental body shall make available for inspection and copying by the public of that body's public records; and

Whereas, each request for access to a public record shall be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no event later than the end of the third business day following the date the request is received by the custodian of records of a public governmental body; and

Whereas, a request for access is denied, the custodian shall provide, upon request, a written statement of the grounds for such denial; and

Whereas, on April 6, 2015, the Board of Alderman, President Office sent a request for committee assignment form to all members of the board via City of St. Louis email service; and

Whereas, the form used to request preferences was produced on the President of the Board of Alderman letterhead and was previously mailed to all members of the board to their homes using an official Board of Alderman envelope paid for at the taxpayers' expense; and

Whereas, on April 17, 2015 22nd Ward Alderman, Jeffrey L. Boyd emailed a request for copies of all members of the board committee assignment preference to the President of the Board, Lewis Reed to no avail; and

Whereas, on April 29, 2015 22nd Ward Alderman, Jeffrey L. Boyd made a second request for copies of all members of the board committee assignment preference to the President of the Board, Lewis Reed to no avail; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2015 at the regularly scheduled Board of Alderman meeting, 22nd Ward Alderman Jeffrey L. Boyd made a third request publicly to the President Lewis Reed who refused to honor the request; and

Whereas, compliance with the Sunshine Law is an essential component of good government; and

Whereas, by all appearances President Reed has willfully violated the Missouri Sunshine Law, Missouri State Statute 610:023, which is punishable by law.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Alderman that all documents requested by Alderman Jeffrey L. Boyd be delivered to him immediately as is required by the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Introduced on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of May, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen